

Evidentiary Document No. 5067.

IN THE MATTER OF JAPANESE WAR CRIMES AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE ILL-TREATMENT OF
PRISONERS OF WAR AT CHUNGKAI PRISONER OF
WAR CAMP, THAILAND.

A F F I D A V I T.

I, Lieutenant Colonel St. Clair Edward John BARRITT, (&\$\$\$), R.A.M.C., with permanent home address at 4 Crescent Gardens, Belfast, Northern Ireland, make oath and say as follows:-

1. On 15th February 1942 I was captured and taken prisoner by the Japanese at SINGAPORE. After being a prisoner of war in CHENGI I was, in November 1942, sent into THAILAND as medical officer to treat prisoners of war who were working on the building of the BANGKOK-BULMEIN railway.

2. I was senior medical officer at CHUNGKAI Sick Camp from 19th May 1943 until January 1944. During this time the British commandant was Lt.Col. OWTRIM. During this period there were no working parties at the camp and it was mainly used for administrative purposes and as a sick camp. I had 28 medical officers under me including British, Australian and Dutch.

3. I remember the following personalities of the Japanese staff:-

Lt. OSARTO. He was of small and slight build, very quietly spoken, did not speak English and was aged about 35 years. His attitude towards prisoners of war was satisfactory.

Lt. KOKUBO. He relieved OSARTO as Commandant. Thick set build, very dark appearance, bandy-legged, 3rd class swordsman, about 45 years of age, was very fond of drink.

Cpl. Y.SNO. This NCO maintained a very correct attitude towards prisoners of war. He was neither friendly nor unfriendly.

4. The average number of prisoners of war in the sick camp was 8,000. They consisted of prisoners of war sent down from the railway camps who were suffering from various injuries and diseases. In the seven months I was there 1,400 prisoners of war died, many from tropical ulcers which had been caused by injury received at work, or from the guards, and deficiency diseases such as beri-beri and pelagra. I had 120 amputations in order to avoid the spread of disease to other parts of the body.

5. Medical supplies were nil and I give the following examples:-

Bandages: The supply was very meagre. My allocation was six 2" bandages per month to dress 2,000 tropical ulcers.

Drugs: My allocation of quinine was 5 kilos per month which was quite inadequate. I would have required 20 kilos for the supply of ordinary maintenance doses. My quinine officer was Captain IAN MACKENZIE, S.S.V.F.

Instruments: No instruments of any kind were issued. They were all home made. My amputation knife consisted of an ordinary carving knife and my medical saw consisted of a hacksaw.

Anaesthetics: There was no supply of anaesthetics.

6. I repeatedly brought to the notice of Lt. KOTUBO this state of affairs who replied that he had no supplies to remedy them. I am convinced that he took no steps to obtain any supplies. Cpl. YASUO once showed me his medical store and it was empty.

7. One day 5 Japanese doctors came to see the camp. I asked them to watch an amputation which was being carried out on a tropical ulcer case. During the course of the operation one of the Japanese doctors fainted and another was sick. Thinking this was a good opportunity to request proper instruments and supplies of drugs, I made a request to them and their answer was that I must realise that these were prisoners of war and no supply could be made.

SWORN by the said St. Clair Edward)
John BARRETT at 6 Spring Gardens)
in the City of Westminster this)
13th day of December 1945.) (Signed) St.C.E.J. BARRETT.

Before me,

(Signed) F. HONIG.
Captain Legal Staff.
Military Department,
Judge Advocate General's Office, London.

Certified true copy.

(Signed) K.J. RITCHIE, Lt.
for Military Deputy J.A.G.

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北「アイルランド」「ベルファスト」、カーデンス「四番地」ニ本籍ヲ有スル英國陸軍軍醫部陸軍中佐「セント、クレア、エドワード、ジョン、ブレット」ナル本官ハ宣審ノ上次ノ如ク述ベルモノデアル。

一、一九四二年二月十五日私ハ「シンガポール」デ日本兵ニ捕ヘラレ俘虜トナツタ。俘虜トシテ「チャンギー」ニ居タ後、一九四二年十一月、私ハ軍醫トシテ「パンコック、ムルメイ」鐵道建設ニ働イテキル俘虜醫療ノ爲泰國ニ送ラレタ。

二、私ハ一九四三年五月十九日カラ一九四四年一月迄「チュンカイ」ノ病人收容所ノ高級軍醫將校デアツタ。コノ期間、英國ノ司令官ハ「オウトラム」中佐デアツタ。コノ期間中收容所ニハ勞働隊ハナクソレハ主トシテ行政的ノ目的ニ用キラレ又病人收容所トシテ用ヒラレテキタ。私ハ豊下ニハ英人、豪洲人及ビ和蘭人ヲ含メテ二十八人ノ軍醫將校ガキタ。

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四、病人收容所ニ於ケル俘虜ノ平均數ハ八千人デアツタ。彼等ハ種々ナ傷ヤ病ヲ患ツテ鐵道作業

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收容所カラ送ラレテ來タ俘虜デアツタ。私ガ其處ニ居タ七ヶ月ノ間ニ一四〇〇人ノ俘虜ガ死ンダ。彼等ノ多クハ仕事デ受ケタ傷ヤ番兵達ヨリ受ケタ傷カラ起ツタ熱帶地ノ原物及ビ脚氣トカ「ペロイグラ」ノ様ナ缺乏症ノ爲ニ死ンダ。私ハ病ガ体ノ他ノ部分ニ損ガル事ヲ防グ爲百二十回ノ切斷ヲ行ツタ。

五、醫療給與品ハ皆無デ、例示スレバ次ノ如クデアル。

襪 帶 給與ハ非常ニ乏シカツタ。

私ノ割當テハ二千ノ熱帶原物ノ手當ニ毎月二「インチ」ノ襪帶六ツデアツタ。

藥 品 規那鹽ノ私ヘノ割當テハ一ヶ月五「キロ」デソレデハ全ク不充分デアツタ。平常ノ必要量ノ給與トシテ私ハ實ハ二十「キロ」要シタノデアツタ。規那鹽係リノ將校ハ S.S.V.F.ノ「イン・マツケンジー」大尉デアツタ。

器 具 如何ナル種類ノ器具モ與ヘラレナカツタ。ソレラハ皆自家製デアツタ。私ノ切斷用「ナイフ」ハ普通ノ肉切

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庖丁デ、私ノ醫藥用鋸ハ金物ヲ切ル
鋸デアツタ。

麻酔劑 麻酔劑ノ給與ハ全然ナカツタ。

六、私ハ「コクボ」中尉ニ繰返シテコノ事態ヲ注
意シタ。中尉ハコノ事態ノ改善スル給與品カ無
イノダト答ヘタ。彼ハ給與品ヲ得ルノニ何等ノ
措置モトラナカツタニ違ナイト思ヒマス。安野
伍長ハ彼ノ醫藥品貯藏所ヲ私ニ一度見セタ事カ
アルソレハ空デアツタ。

七、或日五人ノ日本人醫師ガ收容所ヲ見ニヤツテ
來タ。私ハ熱帶地ノ醫物ノ切斷ヲ見テ呉レル様
ニ彼等ニ頼ンタ。

手術ノ途中日本人ノ醫師ノ一人ハ氣絶シ他ノ一
人ハ吐氣ヲ催シタ。コレハ適當ナ器具ト藥品ノ
給與ヲ要求スルノニヨイ機會ト思ツテ私ハ彼等
ニ要求シタガ彼等ノ返事ハ之等ノ者ハ停應デア
ルカラ給與ガ不可能デアル事ヲ私ハ覺ラネバナ
ラナイトイフノデアツタ

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